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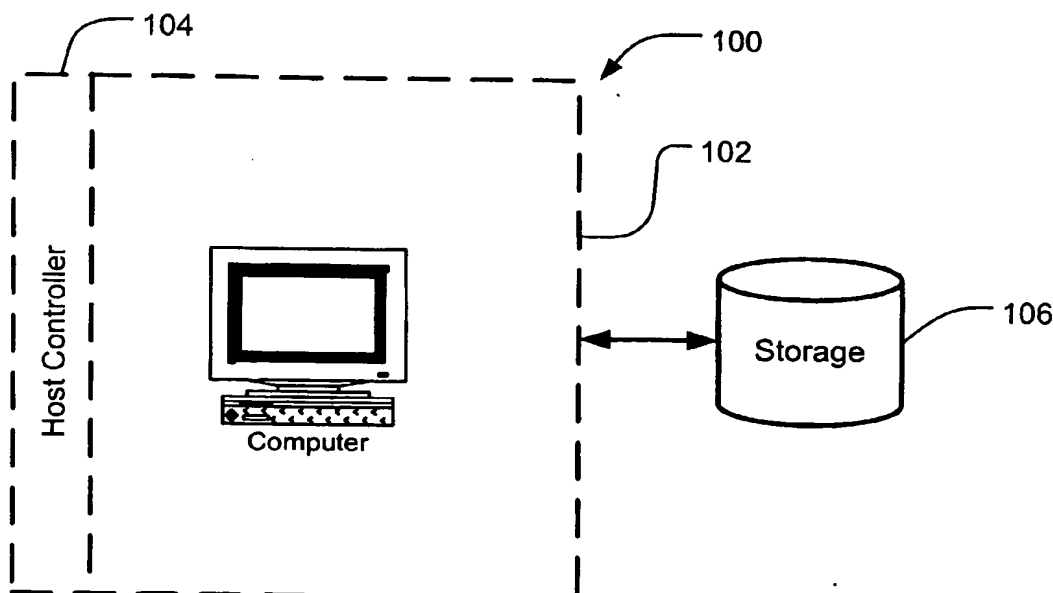
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(57) Abstract: A method for identifying or monitoring SLE in an individual is provided. The method includes quantitating complement component C4d on the surfaces of platelets and comparing the amounts of C4d to reference levels of C4d on platelets of individuals without SLE and/or on platelets of the individual obtained at a different time. Kits for use in the above-described methods are provided along with computer readable media tangibly embodying executable instructions to perform the methods.



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